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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kay '463. As for claim 1, Kay '463 discloses, Fig. 1, A panel system for forming poured concrete walls comprising: a first panel 13/15 having a top and a bottom and a side lying in a first plane, a second panel 18 having a top and a bottom and a side lying in a second plane, a brick ledge form 14 having first and second adjacent sections, each section having a top surface and a bottom surface, means for securing said bottom surface of said first section of said brick ledge form to said top of said first panel so that said second section of said brick ledge form lies in a plane generally perpendicular to said first plane of said first panel, said bottom of said second panel being positioned on said top surface of said second section of said brick ledge form so that said second plane of said second panel 18 is positioned in a plane parallel to said first plane but spaced apart from said first plane by a predetermined distance.

As for **claim 2**, the spacing between planes of panel 13 and panel 18 can be considered as a distance corresponding to a width of a "standard" brick.

As for **claim 5**, the "brick ledge form" 14 is planar thus the first and second sections of the "brick ledge form" are planar.

As for **claims 7 and 8**, openings within the top 15 of the first panel 13/15 register with openings of the "brick ledge form" 14 allowing pins, (page 2, line 8), to extend therethrough.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay '463 in view of Spartz '599.

Kay does not appear to specifically disclose form panel elements of aluminum. However, Spartz '599 teaches utilization of aluminum form panel segments. Therefore, to have formed the form panel elements 13/15, 14, 18 of Kay '463 of aluminum, thus realizing the advantages of aluminum such as strength with lightness of weight, would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made as taught by Spartz '599. As stated above Kay '463 discloses a pin to hold the form elements together. In any event, to have provided Kay '463 with a "pin" to fasten

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the form elements together would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made as taught by Kay '463 at line 8 of page 2.

Claims 6 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Safavi whose telephone number is (571) 272-7046. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur., 8:30-5:00.

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